

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claim 1 has been amended to more clearly distinguish applicant's invention from that of Asturias, Jr. (United States Patent No. 2,809,386) and Sherman (United States Patent No. 3,256,894). Claim 2 has been amended to remove reference to "a hole".

Asturias, Jr. (United States Patent No. 2,809,386) discloses a toothbrush comprising of three parts, the brush and piston portion, the cylinder and storage handle portion, and the cap. The brush and piston portion consists of a bristle retaining portion which is adapted to support the bristles. The bristle retaining portion enlarges to an enlarged elongated round portion. An inner elongated tubular member is provided inside the brush and piston portion. The open end of the brush and piston portion remote from the bristles is adapted to be closed by a plug member with a flange. An O-ring is slipped over the flange. The end of the brush and piston portion with the plug member is inserted into the cylinder and storage handle portion. The cylinder and storage handle portion is in the form of a tube which is open at one end to receive and enclose the end of the brush and piston portion. The cap is an elongated cylindrical member that covers the brush and piston portion and closely fits over the cylinder and storage handle portion.

Sherman (United States Patent No. 3,256,894) also discloses a toothbrush with a hollow handle.

Applicant's invention is an integrated delivery device comprising a first section comprising a rounded end and a cylindrical protrusion in an opposite end wherein a small quantity of viscous fluid is disposed within the cylindrical protrusion and a second section comprising a rounded end and a recess that approximates the cylindrical protrusion of the first section with a matching protrusion that engages a hole at the center of the cylindrical protrusion

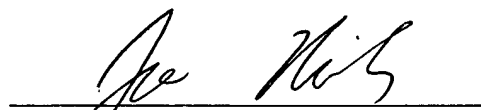
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of the first section wherein the matching protrusion has a small channel through its length that will direct the viscous fluid from the first section into and out of the second section. The recess in the second section with the matching protrusion not only encloses the cylindrical protrusion of the first section but also inserts into the cylindrical protrusion of the first section where the viscous substance is disposed. When the first section and the second section are urged toward each other, the viscous fluid will be extracted from the integrated delivery device for application.

This is not only the opposite of what is disclosed in Asturias, Jr. but it is structurally very different. In Asturias, Jr., the end of the brush and piston portion with the plug member is inserted into the cylinder and storage handle portion. The cylinder and storage handle portion is in the form of a tube which is open at one end to receive and enclose the end of the brush and piston portion. Applicant's invention requires not only that the protrusion in the second section is inserted into the first section but also that the recess in the second section encloses the cylindrical protrusion simultaneously.

Applicant hereby submits that the claim rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) and 103(a) have been overcome. Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

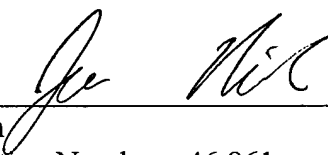


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